

HB 682 -- SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS

SPONSOR: Miller

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 8 to 2.

This bill changes the definitions for the state and local sales and use tax exemption for manufacturing by defining "product" to include telecommunication services and "manufacturing" to include electronic transfer of voices.

This bill is similar to SB 247 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill clarifies that existing tax exemption may continue for telecommunication services only.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Miller and Missouri Cable Telecommunications Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say this bill is a clarification of an ambiguity. The fiscal note is zero.

Testifying on the bill was Missouri Budget Project.